

REMARKS

The Restriction Requirement stated the claims were directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Figure 3 was cited as corresponding to Species No. 1;
Figure 5 was recited as corresponding to Species
No. 2; and
Figures 7 and 8 were cited as corresponding to Species
No. 3.

It was also argued that no claim was currently generic.

Initially, Applicants have canceled claim 31, added new claim 32, and amended claims 1, 4 and 5.

Applicants respectfully traverse the grounds of the election/restriction requirement as Applicants submit the Examiner would be required to search each of the areas necessary should all claims be examined.

Applicants respectfully traverse the position that there is no generic claim. Attention is directed to claim 22, where it is submitted the printing system described therein is generic to each of Figures 3, 5 and 7 and 8. Particularly, and similar to what is shown in Figure 7, the processor will generate first-image data, which may correspond to (step 701). The print engine will print the image data (step 703). A scanner will scan the data (step 705), and the processor will then compare the printed image with the original image (step 707) and determine print quality (step 709). These processes are all undertaken in each of Figures 3 and 5, as well as Figure 8.

For these reasons, it is submitted claim 22 is generic claim.

Additionally, Applicants have added new claim 31 which is submitted to also be generic in consideration of the species set out in the Office Action.

While Applicants have traversed the rejection, they also note the requirement of making an election and at this point elect Species No. 3 (Figures 7 and 8). In reviewing the claims, Applicants have considered claims 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 as corresponding to Species No. 3.

Applicants note the stated claims are those corresponding to the newly numbered claims, which have been amended to address typographical errors.

It is submitted the above addresses the Examiner's requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

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